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Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.5 million head on January 1, 2011. The inventory was five percent above January 1, 2010. The inventory included 7.18 million steers and steer calves, up four percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.26 million head, up five percent from 2010.

Placements in feedlots during December 2010 totaled 1.80 million, 16 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 480,000, 600-699 pounds were 495,000, 700-799 pounds were 440,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 380,000. Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.83 million, five percent above 2009. This is the second highest fed cattle marketings for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during December, ten percent below 2009.

Cattle Placed on Feed by Weight Group, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month - United States

Month	Year	Less than 600 lbs (1,000 head)	600-699 lbs (1,000 head)	700-799 lbs (1,000 head)	800+ lbs (1,000 head)	Total (1,000 head)
December.....	2009	430	420	401	295	1,546
November.....	2010	625	590	373	370	1,958
December.....	2010	480	495	440	380	1,795

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States

State	Number on feed December 1		Placed during December		Marketed during December		Other disappearance during December		Number on feed January 1	
	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2009 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2010 (1,000 head)	2011 (1,000 head)
Arizona.....	282	249	32	36	26	26	1	1	287	258
California.....	465	470	63	61	59	57	4	4	465	470
Colorado	1,060	1,090	110	160	155	165	5	5	1,010	1,080
Idaho.....	210	235	41	42	35	35	1	2	215	240
Iowa	560	630	85	93	73	80	2	3	570	640
Kansas.....	2,330	2,360	375	410	445	480	10	10	2,250	2,280
Nebraska.....	2,410	2,460	320	380	350	400	20	10	2,360	2,430
Oklahoma.....	375	380	50	55	58	58	2	2	365	375
South Dakota	235	255	38	45	36	39	2	1	235	260
Texas	2,760	2,840	350	420	410	400	20	20	2,680	2,840
Washington ...	172	208	29	42	34	36	1	2	166	212
Other States..	418	437	53	51	62	51	4	5	405	432
United States.	11,277	11,614	1,546	1,795	1,743	1,827	72	65	11,008	11,517

Hatchery Production

Florida

The December hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 4.74 million, was two percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on January 1, 2011, at 3.89 million, was four percent above a year ago.

United States

Broiler-type chicks hatched during December 2010 totaled 786 million, up one percent from December 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 635 million on January 1, 2011, up slightly from a year earlier. Leading breeders placed 6.50 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during December 2010, down two percent from December 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2010 totaled 37.9 million, down four percent from December 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.7 million on January 1, 2011, down one percent from a year ago. Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 264 thousand during December 2010, down 15 percent from December 2009.

Chickens and Eggs

Florida

Table egg production in Florida during December 2010 was 232 million eggs, seven percent above the previous month. Total egg production was 238 million eggs compared to 222 million eggs the previous month.

United States

U.S. egg production totaled 7.90 billion during December 2010, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.83 billion table eggs, and 1.07 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2010 averaged 341 million, up one percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,313 eggs, up slightly from December 2009. All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2011 totaled 343 million, up one percent from last year. The 343 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.82 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2011, averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up one percent from January 1, 2010.

Hatchery production - United States

Item	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	(1,000)	(1,000)	
Egg Type			
Eggs in incubators: January 1.....	38,929	38,693	99
Chicks hatched during December.....	39,554	37,845	96
Chicks hatched January thru December.....	468,169	490,704	105
Pullets hatched during December for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks.....	309	264	85
7-18 months earlier ¹	3,108	3,295	106
Broiler-Type			
Eggs in incubators January 1	632,926	635,068	100
Chicks hatched during December.....	779,533	785,649	101
Chicks hatched January thru December.....	9,116,349	9,268,260	102
Pullets hatched during December for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks.....	6,627	6,497	98
7-15 months earlier ²	62,562	63,183	101

¹ 2011 includes pullet chicks hatched June 2009 through May 2010.

² 2011 includes pullet chicks hatched September 2009 through May 2010.

Layers and Egg Production for Selected States and United States: December 2010

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay per 100 layers
	(1,000)	(millions)	(number)
Alabama.....	9,529	186	63.0
Arkansas.....	12,286	250	65.6
California.....	19,817	459	74.7
Colorado.....	3,619	91	81.1
Connecticut.....	2,405	56	75.1
Florida.....	9,794	238	78.4
Georgia.....	17,178	384	72.1
Hawaii.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Illinois.....	4,600	110	77.1
Indiana.....	23,596	554	75.7
Iowa.....	53,374	1,227	74.2
Maine.....	3,614	87	77.6
Maryland.....	2,254	53	75.8
Michigan.....	10,269	252	79.2
Minnesota.....	10,384	250	77.7
Mississippi.....	6,002	122	65.6
Missouri.....	7,429	169	73.4
Nebraska.....	9,371	232	79.9
New York.....	4,312	108	80.8
North Carolina.....	13,242	276	67.2
Ohio.....	28,525	679	76.8
Oregon.....	2,351	59	81.0
Pennsylvania.....	25,012	623	80.4
South Carolina.....	4,270	97	73.3
South Dakota.....	2,387	59	79.7
Texas.....	18,618	434	75.2
Utah.....	3,336	79	76.4
Virginia.....	3,426	72	67.8
Washington.....	6,493	157	78.0
Wisconsin.....	4,699	113	77.6
Other States ¹	19,287	423	70.7
United States.....	341,479	7,899	74.6

NA Not available.

¹ Includes data for States not listed in this table.

Milk Production

Florida

Florida dairy farms produced 180 million pounds of milk during December 2010, five percent above the previous December. Production per cow in December of 1,580 pounds was three percent above December of last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in December totaled 114 thousand, two percent above December of last year.

United States

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 15.0 billion pounds, up three percent from December 2009. November revised production at 14.4 billion pounds, was up three percent from November 2009. The November revision represented an increase of eight million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,794 pounds for December, 33 pounds above December 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.39 million head, 74,000 head more than December 2009, and 15,000 head more than November 2010.

Milk Production by Quarters - United States

Month	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ²		Milk Production ²	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
January-March	9,295	9,091	5,097	5,209	47,374	47,352
April-June	9,262	9,111	5,278	5,461	48,888	49,753
July-September.....	9,155	9,122	5,111	5,271	46,793	48,078
October-December.....	9,090	9,126	5,090	5,210	46,265	47,543
Annual Total	9,201	9,113	20,576	21,148	189,320	192,726

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Milk Cows and Production - Florida and United States

Month and year	Milk Cows ¹	Monthly milk Production ²	
		Per cow	Monthly Total
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(million pounds)
Florida			
December 2009.....	112	1,535	172
November 2010.....	114	1,465	167
December 2010.....	114	1,580	180
23 Major States			
December 2009.....	8,311	1,761	14,632
November 2010.....	8,370	1,723	14,419
December 2010.....	8,385	1,794	15,042
United States			
December 2009.....	9,082	1,737	15,775
November 2010.....	9,120	1,699	15,494
December 2010.....	9,136	1,769	16,164

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk fed to calves.

Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Florida for December 2010 was 8.9 million pounds, ten percent below last month and four percent below last year. Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.36 billion pounds in December 2010, up five percent from 4.15 billion pounds produced in December 2009.

Commercial Slaughter and Red Meat Production - Florida and United States

Source and kind	December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Year to date 2009	Year to date 2010
FLORIDA					
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	8.0	7.7	5.7	82.4	76.7
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	1,160	938	791	11,810	10,213
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	0.2	(D)	(D)	3.7	(D)
Total liveweight 1,000 pounds	12	(D)	(D)	197	(D)
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	9.3	9.9	8.9	103.2	114.0
UNITED STATES					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	2,754.2	2,876.4	2,918.0	33,338.2	34,265.2
Total liveweight million pounds	3,558	3,724	3,792	42,968	43,684
Average liveweight pounds	1,296	1,299	1,305	1,293	1,279
Beef production million pounds	2,134.4	2,235.7	2,272.5	25,966.1	26,316.3
Calves:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	92.3	72.9	77.7	944.2	878.7
Total liveweight million pounds	22	19	20	234	226
Average liveweight pounds	240	269	261	250	262
Veal production million pounds	13.1	11.3	11.7	138.3	134.3
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	9,833.7	9,970.2	9,925.4	113,618.1	110,256.6
Total liveweight million pounds	2,654	2,770	2,749	30,722	30,001
Average liveweight pounds	270	278	277	271	272
Pork production million pounds	1,985.3	2,067.8	2,056.0	22,998.9	22,436.0
Sheep and Lambs:					
Head slaughtered 1,000 head	235.5	218.0	217.3	2,515.9	2,455.7
Total liveweight million pounds	32	29	30	343	328
Lamb and Mutton million pounds	15.9	14.3	15.0	170.7	163.6
Red meat production ¹ million pounds	4,148.6	4,329.2	4,355.2	49,274.1	49,050.1

D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.